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Current Claims (no amendments)

1 (currently amended) An open utensil, comprising a pair of opposing joined pockets formed from a continuous molded piece of flexible material, one pocket sized and dimensioned to receive substantially an entirety of four fingers of an adult human hand, and the other pocket sized and dimensioned to receive a thumb of the hand, the pockets terminating in having closed ends with mutually opposable flattened surfaces near said ends, and wherein the opposable surfaces are bent inward, thereby forming pincers that facilitate the handling of small articles.

2 (previously presented) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein the flexible material comprises a plastic having memory.

3 (previously presented) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein the utensil is color coded.

4 (previously presented) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein the opposing pockets are joined at a hinge, and the pair of pockets and hinge are made from a plastic.

5 (Original) The utensil as in Claim 1 made of a color indicating a task designation.

6 (previously presented) The utensil as in Claim 1 wherein each of the pockets has at least four side walls that are substantially flat.

7-13 Canceled.

14 (previously presented) The utensil as in Claim 1 where the pockets are mutually positioned such that the utensil is ambidextrous.